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Welcome to Issue 22 of *Back to Prabhupada* (BTP).

Recently, the European GBC (Governing Body Commission) passed the following resolution:

"There will be no more 'cross-border' initiations [...] It is hereby resolved that in general ISKCON gurus may no longer make requests for funds from disciples or other devotees for projects or personal maintenance."

(208/II-107 Initiation procedures, Euro GBC, 7/10/2008)

This is, on the one hand, bringing back elements of the previously discarded "Zonal Acarya" system ("The Great Guru Hoax, Part 1"), by insisting that one can only accept a guru who resides in that person's "zone". And on the other, it is continuing the trend highlighted earlier of turning the ISKCON gurus into glorified *ritviks* ("The Great Guru Hoax, Part 3"). For having already stated that gurus cannot directly engage their disciples in service (Law 405 (G), GBC Resolutions, 1999), now they cannot even ask them for any money! Poor gurus! And yet to combat the IRM, the GBC claim that we must implement the "traditional guru-disciple model". But "initiators" who basically have no authority over their "disciples" is a *ritvik* model, not a guru-disciple model!

Though on the surface this would appear to be a welcome development, what it actually illustrates is that The Great Guru Hoax is merely a symptom of, and a tool and mechanism to satisfy, the underlying desire to take and use Srila Prabhupada's teachings and movement to garner profit, honour and distinction for oneself. The reasoning for the above resolution admits as much:

"Whereas, in the past, power, money and followers has been instrumental in the downfall of many of our gurus; and

because we now have to struggle to rescue our reputation in the face of considerable criticism; [...] Whereas there is now a lot more competition from other spiritual organisations [...]"

(208/II-107 Initiation procedures, Euro GBC, 7/10/2008)

So this is a pretty clear admission that simply 'due to our guru hoax program of taking power having had problems, and the subsequent heat coming from the IRM and other organisations, changes were required to help keep the show on the road.' Hence the program of using Srila Prabhupada's teachings and assets to take control and power continues. Indeed, The Great Guru Hoax, Part 2 was itself motivated purely by the desire of temple presidents and other ISKCON managers to get a bigger share of the ISKCON power pie, forcing the original 11 Great Guru Hoaxers to share the spoils of the guru program by expanding it to others. (And in The Great Guru Hoax, Part 3, the same power grab has continued with some temple presidents now using "*ritvik*" and the claim to put "Srila Prabhupada in the centre" to take greater control and power over their temples). Now only because this expansion of the guru hoax has been a huge failure, the GBC has been forced to make an adjustment.

Basically, whatever mechanism best serves the goal to grab power and control the money is simply adopted. WHO does it – the "big" original 11 zonal gurus, the "smaller" dozens of gurus who later followed, or temple presidents and *ritviks*; and HOW it is done – via a guru hoax or *ritvik* hoax – does not matter. The result is the same: power, properties, men, name, fame and money are garnered.

The acronym we came up with for this phenomenon is "TUCE" – which stands for: "Take, Use,

Cut Out and Enjoy" – and it is the *modus operandi* of the living entity in the material world. At the very basic level, we take all the resources Krishna has provided via His energies in the material world, use them, cut Krishna out of the picture and enjoy. In ISKCON we do the same to everything Srila Prabhupada has provided, with merely lip service being paid to Krishna and Srila Prabhupada to enable the activity to occur in the first place. Some more basic examples of this are: ecology, philanthropy, personal development, inter-faith and business. In each case, Srila Prabhupada's teachings are taken and used to allow one to make a movement/program/course on these things alone, that one can then use to garner fame and money for oneself, whilst the original purpose of getting people to surrender to Srila Prabhupada is itself cut out of the picture.

So it's not a question of guru v. *ritvik*, for both can be used as a tool to take power. It's a question of TUCE v. serving and surrendering to Srila Prabhupada. One can do a "spiritual audit" and check what the results of one's activities have been. Have people been engaged in directly serving and glorifying Srila Prabhupada? Or have money, buildings, followers, fame, etc. increased, with Srila Prabhupada's teachings merely used to allow this to happen?

The simplest way to guard against the TUCE tendency is to not get deviated into any activities which do not result in persons directly engaging in serving Srila Prabhupada, which is the program followed by the IRM.

Please feel free to write to me at the following address with any comments whatsoever: irm@iskconirm.com. Thank you and Hare Krishna. Yours in the service of Srila Prabhupada,

Krishnakant
Editor



Letters to the editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to a continued overwhelming response, the publication of letters has been running approximately 9 months behind for quite some time now. We tried previously to run an extra page of letters to clear the backlog, but this was to no avail since as the number of our subscribers continues to increase, so do the letters! We humbly beg your patience.

“First of all, thank you very much for the Back to Prabhupada magazine. I read it to-and-fro and I found it very enlightening.

After a few years of book distribution, many questions started to surface in me. In ISKCON the answer to these questions is always simply “you are offensive”. And since I didn’t want to be offensive, I didn’t force the question. These questions were: Why isn’t the spiritual progress of second generation devotees as fast as that of the devotees during the beginning of the movement, those who are our spiritual masters now? If we chant the same Maha Mantra, and read, spread the same books then why don’t we feel the same spiritual advancement, which authorized them to be sannyasis, and/or spiritual masters? Why does the practice of spiritual life become harder when we accept initiation? So these are the questions, to which I think I found the answer in the Back to Prabhupada magazine: Maybe, the connection with the disciplic succession ends at the moment of initiation, since the last member of our parampara, Srila Prabhupada, wanted that all the initiations should be conducted on his behalf, is not fulfilled?

I want you to know, that I am very grateful to you, and all the members of the IRM for the immense work, and if I can help the work of the IRM in any way, I would be grateful to help.

Srila Prabhupada ki jaya!

Your servant”

- Kusum Sarovara Das, Pecs, Hungary (translated from Hungarian)

“Hare Krishna. Thank you so much for the magazines, I have read them over and over. I just wanted to tell you how happy I was to get them so soon, and also I wish to order The Final Order please.

I remember the Hare Krishnas dancing and chanting through the streets of Melbourne when I was a young girl and was very drawn to them. The joy on their faces was so genuine and I thought that it was the most beautiful way of worshipping that I had ever seen. I wanted to go with them. I have tried to contact the Hare Krishnas on so many occasions over the last 5 or 6 years, but for some reason they are almost impossible to get hold of ... I started to think it wasn’t meant to be.

Please help me to learn. I have a room in my home that is devoted to Lord Krishna and I chant most of the day and night and pray to Him as I truly feel that after much searching I have found the truth.

Thank you for bringing the truth back to us. I want to know the truth and perhaps it was Krishna’s way for me to find the truth that delayed my being able to get any response from ISKCON. Now I can learn the truth from you “as it is.”

- Marina Alexanderson, New South Wales, Australia

“I have received the German Special Summary Issue of Back To Prabhupada (the magazine of the real Hare Krishna movement) and I was finally able to understand everything! I have received BTP in English before, but didn’t understand anything because unfortunately I don’t speak English.”

- Gunther Georg Milla, Timisoara, Romania (translated from German)

“I read Back to Prabhupada word by word, almost; page by page, cover to cover. Each available issue, and a pencil in hand, taking notes. All Glories to Prabhupada! My anticipated thanks, I wish you plenty of success in your undertaking. May Almighty Krishna help you and guide you on the right path. Your servant”

- Vilis Velde, Riga, Latvia

“No wonder ISKCON seems jaded. It’s full of jaded politicians canvassing for votes. I knew in my heart something was wrong- reading BTP has opened my eyes! The contradictory teachings of GBC gurus is very tiring but now thanks to IRM - the mist has cleared. Thank you, AGTSP! Haribol.”

- Anthony Galligan, Stockport, England

“Thank you for sending these pieces of spiritual literature! I was truly impressed and humbled when I opened my mailbox today. Regards and well wishes,”

- Edward Dinsley, Vancouver, Canada

“I have come in touch with ISKCON 2 years back only. As temple is near to my house, I used to visit there every day. I became a member also last year. Bhagwat Geeta and Bhagwatam written by Srila Prabhupada are extremely useful and eye-opening from this material/dead world. But the way the gurus are behaving in Delhi, I realised by myself that they are promoting themselves more than Krishna and they are only after money. They have created a great team of full-time devotees who are spreading their gurudoom and are out in the market to grab people and rob them of their money and properties in the name of God. Hare Krishna.”

- Brajesh Agarwal, New Delhi, India

“Namaste, Hare Krsna, I take this opportunity to say a big ‘thank you’ to the persons in charge of Back to Prabhupada. All these bogus gurus should be shown the door and given the BOOT.”

- Prajesh Lashman, Natal, South Africa

“My husband is already receiving your magazine so I read his. Well done, well done, well done. Srila Prabhupada, I’m sure, is so pleased with what you are doing. Thank you for taking the time and energy to inform myself and others. ‘Yay’ for Prabhupada and ‘Yay’ for

reinstating purity in the world.”

- Dhrti Devi Dasi, Western Australia, Australia

“Jaya! I offer dandavats for your laudable work of inestimable value. Srila Prabhupada has already bestowed his blessings on you. Hare Krishna.”

- Mal H. Nuhu Sabe, Kaduna, Nigeria

“Srila Prabhupada is only Jagad Guru. NO OTHERS.”

- Hemalatha S., Johor Baru, Malaysia

“I am a British prisoner in Romania who is searching for truth and would like to know much, much more. Thank you for anything you feel could help me.”

- Adrian Wilson, Bucharest, Romania

“I have been waiting for this since 1995... so many questions and doubts. Now I can focus on the reality, not the falsehood of the way things “should” be. THANK YOU.”

- Ryan McInturff, North Carolina, USA

“The sincere effort put in by IRM is very great. I am in the middle of The Final Order and I would like to appreciate the sincere work done by the sincere devotees of Prabhupada.”

- Shubhasis Mathur, Mumbai, India

“I borrow your magazine from others and read. Happy to get one directly so I can also share with others. Please keep up the good work. AGTSP, PAMHO.”

- Geetha Devi, Bangalore, India

“You are doing a very good job. May Sri Hari be always with you and the entire team. Hari Bol.”

- Pandit Girish Persand Sharma, Phoenix, Mauritius

“I am very much interested to know the truth. I will be ever grateful to all those who continue the real Hare Krishna movement. Thanking you again and again.”

- Manik Lal Chakroborty, Kurigram, Bangladesh

“This is a nice magazine where we can improve our knowledge and know more about Srila Prabhupada. I enjoyed reading this magazine.”

- R. Hitaishi, Bangalore, India

Letters to the editor *(continued from page 3)*

"I appreciate very much this marvellous work. I think that it is necessary to hear the truth, however pleasing or painful. I appreciate very much your insight. I think that ISKCON must evolve toward the truth."

- Karuna Krishna Das, Lima, Peru

"Thank you for your reply, I read your issue 16, Summer 2007, and due to this only I have come to know the real truth that Prabhupada never ordered his senior assistants to become gurus."

- B.K. Kishore Singh, Karnataka, India

"I love BTP."

- Amber Rollins, Kyonggi, South Korea

"Keep up the good work."

- Dwaipayana Das, New South Wales, Australia

"All glories to Srila Prabhupada, our one true Guru! Haribol!"

- Joseph Posada, Iowa, USA

"Hare Krishna! I congratulate all the devotees involved in this endeavour to bring back the glory of our true spiritual master Srila Prabhupada. I am also very happy to say that I was fortunate to get in touch with the movement."

- Deepak AR, Bangalore, India

"It is good to know who is the real ISKCON Guru. I support IRM. Hare Krishna."

- U. Ramsaroop, Verulam, South Africa

"Hare Krishna. Really to tell the truth, I like reading and to know what is happening."

- Mrs. Shakontala Mundil, Riu-du-Rempart, Mauritius

"I strictly agree that Swami Prabhupada is THE ONE spiritual leader before or now for us, and we have to follow his rules and his wishes, and no one can replace him, because he is still with us and doing his 'job'."

- Vilija Vilkiene, Hounslow, England

"Srila Prabhupada's desire will prevail."

- Chandraraj Thambiraja, Kedah, Malaysia

"I have read BTP. That was very good. Now I understand real truth. Thank you."

- Kirti Dasi, Borehamwood, England

"Bogus gurus and bogus disciples – please go back to Prabhupada, IRM is revealing the truth."

- Shakun Sooklal, Verulam, South Africa

"Many thanks for the unexpected shipment of BTP, Special Summary Issue and Issue #16. I became aware of the whole 'ISKCON Decay' and demise. Please be kind enough to ship me the copy of The Final Order."

- Nizar Premji, Ontario, Canada

"I hope your endeavor to clean up the house is successful."

- Aaron Robinson, Pennsylvania, USA

"After reading Back To Prabhupada I am highly impressed and would like to learn more about the real truth about the system of the real Acharya. Jai Srila Prabhupada."

- Divya Purush Das, Vrindavana, India

"Keep up the good work. God Bless."

- K. Nundlall, Durban, South Africa

"Dear Sir, Kudos to the great efforts made by IRM to revive ISKCON. I am sure these will be rewarded by Srila Prabhupada and the Almighty Lord. 'Everything is happening because of this will'."

- Nishant Sharma, Ajmer, India

"I am very happy to get the BTP magazine. I will be very, very happy to get more BTP magazines and The Final Order book. I want to know more about your movement. And in future I want to participate in your movement."

- Arghya Roy, Navadwipa, India

"I've been receiving the Back to Prabhupada magazine and I really enjoyed it a lot. It's revealing what is going on inside ISKCON. I want to receive a free copy of the book The Final Order by Krishnakant. Thank you so much."

- Prabhat Kumar, West Bengal, India

"Please find a donation enclosed. Thank you sincerely for your service in assisting ISKCON back to Prabhupada. Yours Truly"

- Ralph Eberlein, Melbourne, Australia

"These are very much useful to

me to improve my spiritual life by coming out of the material world."

- Chaitanya S., Hararyana, India

"Thanks goes to the IRM magazine and HR Singh for handing me the IRM magazine. Thank you for keeping me, a very old devotee, informed."

- S. Bechen, Phoenix, South Africa

"Dear Krishnakant, I have been receiving your Back To Prabhupada magazines and find them very interesting. Many thanks, and God Bless. Keep up the good work."

- Mrs S. Tedstone, Gwent, Wales, UK

"For us, Swami Bhaktivedanta taught what real spiritual life is and how one should live as a bhakta every moment of his life. What he says in his Final Order would be an asset to all."

- Haimnarine Mahadeo, West Coast Demerara, Guyana

"I like to know the truth."

- Mukesh Gelola, Ontario, Canada

"I have just got your wonderful magazine, thank you."

- Mrs Rose West, Malaga, Spain

"Hare Krishna! It is sad that our so-called 'gurus' are not following Srila Prabhupada's clear instructions on going back to Godhead. How are they going to face Lord Krishna and serve Him? 'Kali-yuga' is upon us. We must continue having faith in Srila Prabhupada and Lord Krishna and let Them guide us."

- A. Devpruth, Kwazulu, South Africa

"Thanks so much for your wonderful service. All glories to Srila Prabhupada."

- Vijeta Das, British Columbia, Canada

"PAMHO. Please send me previous issues of Back to Prabhupada if possible (from the first issues if possible). I have been a devotee of ISKCON over 25 years now. Being initiated and after the falldown of Srila Bhagavan, I never took initiation. I consider Srila Prabhupad as my Guru Maharaj. Great job. All glories to BTP."

- Pancaratra Das, Quartier Militaire, Mauritius

"I have gone through one of the issues of your magazine at my friend's place and liked it immensely. I would like to subscribe."

- Sudhir Gupta, New Delhi, India

"I wish that everyone is exposed to the truth, including those who have joined the ISKCON temples of other camp. Jai Srila Prabhupada!!"

- Dinakar Naidu G.N., Andhra Pradesh, India

"Hare Krsna. Krishnakant Prabhu, Haribol! You are doing enough for the real proof. I think this is a big boon to know the truth and for opening eyes in general. Srila Prabhupada ki Jaya. Thank you."

- Ravindranath Beenode, Mauritius

"BTP is really 'revealing' - let the truth prevail."

- Mrs. Ashu Malik, New Delhi, India

"Keep up the good spirits and let Srila Prabhupada be glorified all over the creation."

- Rajeev Rajan, Bangalore, India

"To me each and every page of all the BTP issues is a plain proof that Srila Prabhupada established a ritvik system of initiation in ISKCON. I hope one day I also engage myself fully in preaching this truth to others. Hare Krishna. Your humble servant"

- Rakesh Vaiwala, Surat, India

"This is the real spiritual movement for Shreela Prabhupada which I have wanted to follow for 20 years."

- Girish Gajjar, London, England

"In our temple the number of devotees remains constant for the past ten years, though many sincere devotees have left ...Preaching goes on though it is not practised. Your magazine feeds a lot of information. Please keep it up."

- V. Bragadeswar, Coimbatore, India

"Srila Prabhupada is the essence of ISKCON. He should be the cynosure of ISKCON to keep it 'living' and 'growing'. Jaya Srila Prabhupada."

- Dr. Krishna Prasanna, Puttur, India



History of the GBC's climbdown

Following the vigorous preaching of the IRM, the GBC have continually been forced to modify their position so it comes closer and closer to that preached by the IRM. We here document this chronology:

1977 – *Ritviks* selected

On July 9th, 1977, Srila Prabhupada selects 11 *ritviks* to continue initiation ceremonies in ISKCON, so that the standard system of initiation present in ISKCON since its founding, with Srila Prabhupada becoming the *diksa* Guru of anyone who joins ISKCON on a temple president's recommendation, is able to continue without the need for Srila Prabhupada's involvement.

1978 – *Ritviks* falsely claimed to be gurus

However, immediately after Srila Prabhupada's departure, these 11 *ritvik* appointments are suddenly claimed to be that of successor *diksa* gurus: **"...for 1978, no new Spiritual Masters shall be appointed other than the 11 selected by Srila Prabhupada."** (GBC Resolution No. 16, 19/3/1978).

1986 – False *diksa* guru system authorises others

The then current false guru system, based on 11 *ritviks* masquerading as *diksa* gurus, is expanded with any other Prabhupada disciple allowed to join their numbers providing he gets the necessary votes from the GBC (GBC Resolution No. 3, March 30th, 1986). This is later justified on the basis of the "law of disciplic succession", which states that it is possible for disciples to become gurus only if their spiritual master has first departed.

1996 – *The Final Order (TFO)* published

The GBC ask the *BTP* editor to present the evidence challenging their position. (*BTP* was first published by the same editor in 1995).

2001 – "Law of disciplic succession" ditched

In a stunning about-turn, the GBC do a 180-degree reversal and now allow even disciples of ISKCON gurus to become gurus in their guru's physical presence, thus contradicting the "law of disciplic succession". It is first called an "exception" (GBC resolution, 2001), but in later years it becomes accepted as a standard as more and more grand-disciples become *diksa* gurus without their own spiritual master having first departed.

2003 – *Ritvik* ---> *Diksa* guru authorisation ditched

GBC accepts that Srila Prabhupada never ordered the 11 *ritviks* to become *diksa* gurus, that it can only be assumed that this was what Srila Prabhupada "implicitly intended". Claims that there was an "order" for the *ritviks* to become *diksa* gurus is simply **"bull"** and **"playing games with the truth"**. (E-mail from HH Jayadvaita Swami to the GBC, December 13th, 2003).

2004 – *Diksa* guru position paper ditched

The admission stated above leads to the GBC abandoning their official position paper, *On My Order Understood* (1995), the very paper that *The Final Order* had challenged. Instead, they no longer offer any explanation or paper, but only a statement claiming that Srila Prabhupada "intended" his disciples to become *diksa* gurus. (GBC resolution, 409, 2004)

2004 – No order, no intention, only "encouragement"

In Srila Prabhupada's books printed by the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust (BBT), an extra section has been added entitled "Krsna Consciousness at Home". In this section, since 2004, it has stated: **"Before he left this world in 1977, Srila Prabhupada encouraged his qualified disciples to carry on his work by initiating disciples of their own in accordance with his instructions."** So having first claimed there was an order in 1977 for *diksa* gurus, and then only that Srila Prabhupada "intended" this, now it has been downgraded to only that this was "encouraged".

2008 – *Diksa* gurus now claiming they are *ritviks*!

The hoax has now been forced to come full circle, with ISKCON *diksa* gurus openly admitting they are actually only *ritviks*, either directly as stated by persons such as HH Hanumatpresaka Swami, or indirectly by many others, who accept that they are only bringing us to the real Guru, Srila Prabhupada, who takes us to Krishna. This leads to The Great Guru Hoax, Part 3, whereby the ISKCON gurus are now forced to admit they are only glorified *ritviks* masquerading as full *diksa* gurus (please see *BTP* Special Issue 2, with **over 100 statements** about this!).

2009 - onwards: Final step

Having helped bring the situation this far, the IRM is now pushing for the final step, whereby the hapless disciples accept the guru hoaxers as being only the glorified *ritviks* they claim they are and instead accept Srila Prabhupada as their sole eternal spiritual master who will take them back to Godhead. Many disciples have already openly rejected their ISKCON gurus, and joined the IRM in accepting Srila Prabhupada as their *diksa* Guru.

CONCLUSION: Events are showing that those who have been supporting *The Final Order* since its publication in 1996 are on the right side of history, and more importantly on the side of the truth. Join the fight to achieve final victory for Srila Prabhupada by supporting the IRM, the only organisation actively working to combat the guru hoax. Contact us via the details given on page 2 to see how you can help.

The proof is before us every morning - Part 2!

In the last issue we conclusively proved that a ceremony which is mandated for everyone to perform in ISKCON every morning for the lifetime of ISKCON - *Guru-puja* to Srila Prabhupada - worships Srila Prabhupada as ISKCON's *diksa*, or initiating, Guru (please see BTP 21, "The proof is before us every morning!"). Now we present more evidence from another ceremony mandated for everyone to perform in ISKCON every morning for the lifetime of ISKCON. The *Sri Sri Gurv-astaka* prayers are sung every morning during the *mangal-arati* ceremony by everyone in ISKCON. The purpose of the prayer is for every disciple to glorify their spiritual master and pay their respectful obeisances unto him. This prayer glorifies the spiritual master in 8 verses. We shall here analyse just 3 verses to show precisely what type of spiritual master is being glorified every morning by every ISKCON member. We will use the translation of the verses as found in standard ISKCON songbooks.

Daily glorification

Verse 1

"Just as a cloud pours water on a forest fire to extinguish it, so the spiritual master delivers the materially afflicted world by extinguishing the blazing fire of material existence. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is an ocean of auspicious qualities."

Verse 2

"Chanting the holy name, dancing in ecstasy, singing and playing musical instruments, the spiritual master is always gladdened by the sankirtana movement of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Because he is relishing the mellows of pure devotion within his mind, sometimes his hair stands on end, he feels quivering in his body, and tears flow from his eyes like waves. I

offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master."

Verse 6

"The spiritual master is very dear, because he is expert in assisting the gopis, who at different times make different tasteful arrangements for the perfection of Radha and Krsna's conjugal loving affairs within the groves of Vrndavana. I offer my most humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master."

Which spiritual master?

The descriptions are unambiguous, and leave no doubt that the spiritual master one is glorifying here is clearly of the topmost and purest level of advancement possible, possessing the following characteristics:

- 1) He is delivering the materially afflicted world from the blazing fire of material existence.
- 2) He is relishing the mellows of pure devotion.
- 3) He is expert in assisting the gopis (Krishna's most confidential and intimate servants).

Not an ISKCON guru

However, our ISKCON leaders have told us repeatedly that they cannot possibly be the topmost spiritual master just described:

"Such an uttama-adhikari Vaisnava is in perfect touch with the Supersoul and at every moment knows the Supreme Lord's desires. [...] To spread Krsna consciousness in the absence of an advanced uttama-adhikari Vaisnava, third-class and second-class Vaisnavas must follow the instructions of Srila Prabhupada and learn the art of co-operation."

(HH Prahlanananda Swami, *Duties of GBC and Guru in ISKCON*, 2006)

"If the GBC Body sees someone as a self-effulgent acarya who is completely aware of the Supersoul and Srila Prabhupada's desires and

instructions they can and should follow his/her instructions. No one so far has been seen in that category."

(HH Prahlanananda Swami, August 30th, 2006)

Must be Srila Prabhupada

On the contrary, the same ISKCON leaders have repeatedly told us that it is Srila Prabhupada who fulfils the description of a spiritual master who is delivering everyone:

"Generally, a guru establishes a link between Krsna and his disciple. [...] Srila Prabhupada, as the pre-eminent acarya, takes you to Krsna and engages you in His service."

(HH Bhakti Charu Swami Istagosthi, June 10th, 2007)

"... Srila Prabhupada will take you to Krsna."

(HH Bhakti Charu Swami, Durban disciples meeting, April 7th, 2006)

[BTP Note: This is the definition of the bona fide spiritual master as stated in Srila Prabhupada's books: *"And if you get a bona fide spiritual master, he will take you to Krsna."* (The Laws of Nature, Ch. 1)]

"Just let go of this body and its attachments and put your self in the lotus hands of Srila Prabhupada... and he will take you to Vrindavan!" (HH Radhanath Swami, speaking to his "disciple" Stoka Krishna Das on his deathbed, "His Guru and Grace" video)

"And certainly we are all depending on Srila Prabhupada to intercede with Krishna so that we can attain His shelter. [...] He is surely our guarantee of salvation if we follow his instructions and personal example in our daily life."

(HG Kripamoya Das, Chairman, European ISKCON Leaders Conference, *The Vaishnava Voice*, May 6th, 2007)

Conclusion

By the words of ISKCON's leaders, the prayers that must



Srila Prabhupada:
Worshipped each day in ISKCON in the *mangal-arati* prayers

be sung every morning by every ISKCON member for the lifetime of ISKCON, are not being sung to ISKCON's GBC authorised gurus. Rather, they are being sung to Srila Prabhupada. So without realising it, in ISKCON everyone has been mandated to worship Srila Prabhupada as the spiritual master to whom they have surrendered, first by glorifying his qualities during *mangal-arati*, and then later on by worshipping him directly as the *diksa* Guru during *Guru-puja* (as proven in the last issue). Yet another proof, if such proof was needed, that Srila Prabhupada alone is the spiritual master for everyone in ISKCON, for ISKCON's lifetime.

We have proven that Srila Prabhupada is ISKCON's *diksa* Guru by using Srila Prabhupada's own orders and statements (BTP Special Summary and regular issues, TFO and all IRM papers); by using the words of ISKCON's own leaders (BTP Special Issue No. 2), and now we are able to prove it even from the daily prayers we offer every day in the temple!

To continue to defy Srila Prabhupada's position in the face of such overwhelming evidence is not tenable for anyone who claims to be a follower of Srila Prabhupada, and therefore the IRM is working tirelessly, in the face of much opposition, to ensure that everyone who wishes to follow Srila Prabhupada is presented this vital information as soon as possible.

What type of gurus did Srila Prabhupada want?

In BTP we have explained repeatedly that Srila Prabhupada's constant calls for everyone to "become guru", such as -

"Because people are in darkness, we require many millions of gurus to enlighten them. Therefore Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission is, He said, that 'Every one of you become guru. Amara ajnaya guru haya tara ei desa.'"

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 21/5/1976)

- can only refer to *siksa* (instructing) gurus, or additional preacher gurus who assist the *diksa* guru. This is evidenced by the fact that such instructions are given in conjunction with Lord Caitanya's instruction to "become guru" from *Caitanya-caritamra*, *Madhya-lila* 7:128, as above (*amara ajnaya guru*). The purports to this verse states:

"one should stay at home [...] it is best not to accept any disciples."

(*Sri Caitanya-caritamra*, *Madhya-lila* 7:128-30, purports)

In addition, these orders to "become guru" are given without Srila Prabhupada stating that he needs to leave the planet before the guru order can be acted on, which would be normal if a *diksa* guru was being referred to.

Thus, all this makes it clear that Srila Prabhupada is referring to everyone in ISKCON becoming only *siksa*, and not *diksa*, gurus.

Less qualified gurus

In addition, another factor which makes it abundantly clear that Srila Prabhupada's call for gurus refers to *siksa*, rather than *diksa*, gurus, is that he states that such gurus can be less qualified, or even have no qualification:

"There is no need of qualification."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 21/5/76)

"So who cannot do it? Anyone can do it, even a child."

(Srila Prabhupada Conversation, 25/1/77)

Whereas the *diksa* or initiating

guru, must possess the highest level of qualification:

"When one has attained the topmost position of maha-bhagavata, he is to be accepted as a guru and worshipped exactly like Hari, the Personality of Godhead. Only such a person is eligible to occupy the post of a guru."

(*Sri Caitanya-caritamra*, *Madhya-lila*, 24.330, purport)

"One should not become a Spiritual Master unless he has attained the platform of uttama-adhikari."

(*Nectar of Instruction*, Text 5, purport)

ISKCON leader agrees

Now one of ISKCON's leaders has agreed; adopting the IRM's position that the way forward for ISKCON is for many less qualified rather than a few so-called highly qualified gurus which, as we saw in the last section, means *siksa* rather than *diksa* gurus:

"We need more gurus. Not remote, world-traveling, highly qualified gurus, but locally accessible, less qualified gurus. Thousands of them."

(*"ISKCON: More gurus needed!"*, *The Vaishnava Voice*, September 4th, 2008).

The leader in question is **His Grace Kripamoya Das** ("KMD"), who is the Chairman of ISKCON's European Council and the Congregational Preaching Director for the UK.

Local house gurus

And to leave the reader in no doubt as to what type of guru he is referring, KMD concludes that we need thousands of men and women acting in the capacity of gurus in their local neighbourhoods:

"By guru I mean someone who is prepared to personally roll up their sleeves and accept responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a number of named individuals. No wide broadcasting of messages; no generic teach-

ing to anonymous masses; but teaching, guidance, support to named people in a local area. Only with thousands of men and women doing this will we be able to do what this great mission was set up to do."

(*"ISKCON: More gurus needed!"*, *The Vaishnava Voice*, September 4th, 2008).

This, of course, is Srila Prabhupada's formula for ISKCON – thousands of men and women who would act as local spiritual masters or *siksa* gurus, by staying at home and not "travelling the world", and above all not accepting any disciples! Srila Prabhupada indeed states that this is the mission of ISKCON:

"This is the sublime mission of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. [...] That is, one should stay at home, chant the Hare Krsna mantra and preach the instructions of Krsna as they are given in the Bhagavad-gita and Srimad-Bhagavatam [...] One has to learn humility and meekness at home, following the instructions of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, and in that way one's life will be spiritually successful. One should not try to be an artificially advanced devotee, thinking, 'I am a first-class devotee.' Such thinking should be avoided. It is best not to accept any disciples. One has to become purified at home by chanting the Hare Krsna maha-mantra and preaching the principles enunciated by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Thus one can become a spiritual master and be freed from the contamination of material life."

(*Sri Caitanya-caritamra*, *Madhya-lila*, 7.130, purport)

Standing against GBC philosophy

This is a stunning announcement by an ISKCON leader as it directly contradicts ISKCON's teaching on the matter, which is that Srila Prabhupada allegedly wanted every one of his disciples to be-



The only *diksa* Guru: everyone else should only be *siksa* gurus

come *diksa* guru, meaning thousands of such *diksa*, or initiating gurus, who would take thousands of disciples, as we see below:

"In your transcendental literatures you repeatedly mention how you hope for the day when all your followers will be initiating spiritual masters, initiating even 10,000 or more disciples into the guru parampara."

(Jayapataka Swami, *Vyasa-Puja* offering to Srila Prabhupada, 1998)

Conclusion

We are therefore left with only one *diksa*, or initiating guru in ISKCON – Srila Prabhupada - who alone can accept disciples; whereas each member of ISKCON, right up to the GBC, is authorised by Srila Prabhupada to only act as an instructing guru or preacher:

"The GBC should all be the instructor gurus. I am the initiator guru, and you should be the instructor guru by teaching what I am teaching and doing what I am doing."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter to GBC member, August 4th, 1975)

Which means that we must follow the actual meaning of Lord Caitanya's order, as clearly explained by Srila Prabhupada in the purports cited previously, to only become *siksa* gurus (instructing gurus or preachers, not initiating gurus), and which one of ISKCON's leaders is also now accepting is the way forward.

Srila Prabhupada: the only *diksa* Guru for ISKCON.

An African journey back to Prabhupada



COMING TO
PRABHUPADA

By
**Bhakta
Patrice Waga**
Kisumu, Kenya

The year was 1990 and I had just completed my Auto Electrical Grade Three exams. I was in Nairobi, the capital city of the African country of Kenya, where I lived, looking for a job. Whilst I scanned the job advertisements, I was intrigued by an advertisement calling for volunteers for the "ISKCON AFRICAN MISSION", and applied. We were told to turn up at a location in town, from where we were taken to the ISKCON temple for an interview. My first surprise was the serene environment, and until now I have not forgotten the sound of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada chanting the Hare Krishna mantra non-stop from the temple tape player, and the strong smell of burning incense. Mysteriously the *maha-mantra* stayed in my memory ever since that day. It was strange, what to say of the shaven-headed people walking around clad in "bed sheets" and holding in their hands small cloth bags, walking up and down the small compound murmuring strange words! Most of the people we came with never waited. They left the compound immediately! The interview time came and a huge white-bodied man wearing the same clothes but of different color, saffron, invited us to a hall where we were briefed on the work we were to do, i.e. sweeping of the compound and any other work which may come up. Most of the people remaining said loudly that they were too learned to sweep but I decided to hang on. *Kichri* was served and

it was tasty. I worked there for 6 months, and had received some books, but no serious attempt was ever made to preach to me, since we were dismissed simply as being "employees". However, the chanting of the *maha-mantra* was always ringing in my mind wherever I went. I then moved on to other employment, and in this way gradually ended up being out of touch with ISKCON for 16 years, but the regulated lifestyle of the devotees I had learned I carried with me through all these 16 years.

Then in 2006 I came back to Nairobi once again, and I felt the urge to visit the temple and acquaint myself with the latest developments and listen to the *maha-mantra* chanting again.

What pulled me back to the temple was the Food For Life programme which I wanted to get involved with. I went to the temple, but instead of the small temple I expected, there was a magnificent huge building. I asked if I could speak with the person in charge of the programme. Nobody knew me here but I could remember some faces. When Phalguna Das, the director of Food For Life came, he briefed me about the programme and showed me round the temple, and in one of the rooms was Srila Prabhupada on his *vyasasana* (Guru's seat) writing. He appeared to be "alive" and I felt the urge to touch him to ascertain this, but instead restrained myself! The following day I went back to the temple and assisted in preparing and packing the food and went to distribute the *prasadam* (sanctified vegetarian food) in the slums of Nairobi. This philanthropic service awakened part of my spiritual life and I reached a decision to try and learn more about this philosophy. I borrowed some magazines and booklets about the movement and took them home with

me, and I stayed awake all night going through them as I wanted to know what was the purpose of my life, and why I was suffering. Whilst on the Food For Life programme I met some devotees from Tanzania who had come to Nairobi for *bhakta* (devotee) training, and I began asking them many questions, and so they invited me to come and stay with them in the temple and experience the life for myself. So I moved into the temple, but the person in charge of the *bhakta* programme tried to dissuade me by saying on seeing me, "But he is old". I was 36! I felt insulted but decided to hang on! I may have been 36, but I was very serious about the programmes and the teachings, and came top in the training exams they gave the *bhaktas*. The only things I found a little bit uncomfortable were the dressing and shaving styles as I could observe the senior devotees washing off the *tilak* (sacred clay markings on the forehead) and putting on caps and hats whenever they were going out of the temple and changing into regular clothes. After three months, the *ashram* which was once full was now almost empty, and there were only three of us *bhaktas*, with all the other devotees having left. But I was now very strictly leading the life of a devotee.

All throughout this time life was very tough as we were strictly advised not to associate with any western devotees who were regular visitors to the temple, as we were told they were not true devotees and could derail us. However, the classes and books were advising us to associate with devotees, so I became curious. Even the *sannyasis* (monks) and gurus who were visiting could not advise us why this was the temple policy, since their visit was funded by the temple authorities and thus they could only

say what they were told to say. I developed a dislike for them because of this and resolved to continue to take shelter only under Srila Prabhupada.

Somebody had brought *Back to Prabhupada* (BTP) magazines to the *ashram* and kept them on top of the least touched shelf. One day I just decided to disturb the shelf and opened and saw the magazines and quickly went through them. I thought that they were just like the other temple magazines. I took down the e-mail address and kept it in my bag. In the temple no internet, phones or cameras were allowed. I really wanted to write and share with other devotees what was going on in our temple.

One day in the class, the temple president was talking about initiation and I happened to ask him what the problem was when one felt comfortable with Srila Prabhupada as one's sole guru. The chastisement which followed was not spiritually helpful as I was branded a politician who was just wasting his time in the temple. From that time things were never to be the same again for me, since I realised I could never surrender to one of the false guru hoaxers, and conversely the temples would not be able to keep their hold on me unless they got me 'locked into' the system via taking initiation from one of their gurus. All other devotees, both *bhaktas* and seniors, were instructed to keep an eye on me and not to be close to me and to report all my movements to the temple president.

Life in the Nairobi temple was based completely on discrimination, right down to the point of which house programmes one could attend. If the person hosting the programme was rich, only Indians could attend, and if he was not so rich, only then could Africans attend. I objected

to such policies and once again spies were all over me on the instruction of the temple president. Devotees were imported from India to serve as the temple priests and paid good salaries. They would even refuse to flush the toilet saying this was the work of the Africans. The temple president supported them, and told me that "our" people's (Africans) business in the temple was just to eat and sleep, while the Indians were working hard to make sure the temple runs. I was told I was a politician whose mind had been polluted by reading "anti-ISKCON" magazines and I was threatened with being kicked out.

The late Tribuvanath Prabhu had started preaching programmes for the Africans, and every year the western devotees came to do festivals in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Congo and Rwanda. When the festival team arrived, I approached their leaders to speak with them about the problems I perceived, but they refused to help.

Frustrated, I left the temple and went to the Kampala temple in the neighboring country of Uganda. I was warmly welcomed by the temple president who by birth was from Kenya and a very dear friend of Umapati Das, the



Bhakta Patrice and young devotee in the Kampala temple, Uganda

Nairobi temple president. I was immediately elevated to the post of vice president of the temple and I did my best. In Uganda the temple is on top of a restaurant. Naturally I befriended all the staff and managed to preach to them as I found out that no devotee had told them about the movement, and they were mistaking us for being devil worshippers! The temple president of Nairobi, who also doubled as the regional secretary, visited the Kampala temple and was impressed by my performance and he told me he was transferring me and the Kampala temple president to Tanzania to set up another temple as I was also fluent in Kiswahili, a language

mostly used in Tanzania.

In Tanzania I was very much appreciated by the devotees of Dar es Salaam, and the temple president virtually left all the temple programmes to me. One day they were celebrating the appearance day of the local GBC voted-in guru, and I was told to give a speech about him. I refused, saying I did not have anything to say about him, and did not want to cheat the congregation or myself, and again I was threatened with being kicked out. In Tanzania there was a bit more freedom and so I had managed to write an email to Krishnakant Prabhu of the ISKCON Revival Movement (IRM) and explained what had happened, and that I was seeking like-minded devotees of the IRM who had also suffered at the hands of the non-IRM devotees in the ISKCON temples.

Upon the expiry of my visa I was sent back to Kenya and resumed my service there. I was then again transferred back to Kampala temple, but eventually I was told to leave because reading *BTP* had opened my eyes to the truth, and I was asking too many questions, and thus considered a trouble-maker. I continued staying in contact with Krishnakant, explaining what was happening.

There is a *gurukula* school in Kisumu run by one of the Indian families, and whenever these boys visited the Nairobi temple

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for functions like the Rathayatra festival, they were poorly treated. I felt that if I could get some devotees with whom we could set up a vocational training centre for them run under Srila Prabhupada's teachings, it would be very helpful, as from my talks with them they were not properly treated there in the school and some of them were too old for formal learning. I still have that project in my plans, and when I get like-minded devotees we shall start it immediately.

Having been forced to leave full time temple life, I went into voluntary work and now am in Southern Sudan where a NGO (non-governmental organization) I am volunteering with is constructing schools, besides other humanitarian services. I am using this golden opportunity to share Srila Prabhupada's teachings with them, especially the youth who are very close to my heart.

I am sending out a wake-up call to the devotees to come out in their large numbers to counter the cheating and deviations perpetrated by these liars in the name of Srila Prabhupada in Africa.

My thanks go to Krishnakant and the entire IRM, and I want to let them know they are not alone.

JAI SRILA PRABHUPADA!

Readers are cordially invited to follow Bhakta Patrice's example by sending us your story of just how you came 'Back to Prabhupada'.



Patrice playing mrdanga in Dar es Salaam temple, Tanzania

SRILA PRABHUPADA: The Acharya for Kali-yuga's golden age

In 1486, Lord Chaitanya, the incarnation of Godhead for this age of Kali-yuga (quarrel and hypocrisy) in which we live, advented to usher in a 10,000 year golden age, during which the chanting of Hare Krishna would spread to every town and village. To fulfil this prophecy, the *parampara* (disciplic succession of bona fide Gurus) empowered a special personality, Srila Prabhupada, who appeared in 1896, and who would remain the *acharya* (Guru or spiritual master) for the rest of the golden age. This he did by founding a Society for which he alone would remain the *acharya*, and which would act as the vehicle for fulfilling the prophecy. However, since Srila Prabhupada's departure Kali has utilised various ambitious, deviant gurus, leaders and managers to usurp Srila Prabhupada and derail his movement; thereby turning ISKCON into just another new-age Hindu sect, devoted increasingly to philanthropic, commercial and secular activities. Hence the need for the IRM and the revival of Srila Prabhupada's original, glorious mission.

The prediction

"So far as cooperating with my Godbrothers is concerned, that is not very urgent business. So far until now my Godbrothers have regularly not cooperated with me and by the grace of my Spiritual Master, things are still going ahead. So cooperation or non-cooperation, it is the desire of Bhaktivinode Thakura to preach the Caitanya cult all over the world and in 1875 he predicted that someone would come very soon who would individually preach this cult all over the world." (Srila Prabhupada Letter, 23/2/1971)

Jayapataka: "... you Srila Prabhupada. Only by your mercy you have brought us to this Krsna consciousness movement."

Prabhupada: "Yes. I am simply messenger. Mercy is of Bhaktivinode Thakura and Srila Prabhupada. Before your coming they predicted, that "Somebody will bring." Maybe that somebody I am. Bhaktivinode Thakura predicted."

(Conversation, 23/3/1975)

Prediction comes true!

Guest: "Are you planning to choose a successor?"

Prabhupada: "It is already suc-

cessful."

Guest: "But there must be somebody you know, needed to handle the thing."

Prabhupada: "Yes. That we are creating. We are creating these devotees who will handle."

Hanuman: "One thing he's saying, this gentleman, and I would like to know, is your successor named or your successor will..."

Prabhupada: "My success is always there."

(Room conversation, 12/2/1975)

The only Acharya for ISKCON

"I wish that each and every Branch shall keep their independent identity and cooperate keeping the Acarya in the centre. On this principle we can open any number of Branches all over the world. The Ramakrishna mission works on this principle and thus as organization they have done wonderfully."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 11/2/1967)

[Note: This refers to the Ramakrishna mission's policy of having no guru successors after Ramakrishna, who continues to remain unchanged as the sole guru for the institution].

The Acharya of the whole Gaudiya sampradaya!*

Prabhupada: "So a similar counterpart leaflet you should, that "International Society for Krishna Consciousness, world organization, established by His Divine Grace, and anyone can come here and take foodstuff. We have got arrangement," like this. In suitable words you write and issue another pamphlet."

Tamala Krsna: "Bengali."

Prabhupada: "In Bengali and in English. Which may not touch there, but we write in our own way that "By the order of his guru he went to America. Then he..." That's a fact. What is the fact, that should be written. Give the list of the books and so on, so on."

Tamala Krsna: "List of the temples."

Prabhupada: "Yes, temples. And "He is the acarya of the present Gaudiya-sampradaya."

(Room conversation, 19/1/1976)

"So Sridhara Maharaja and his two associate gentlemen unauthorizedly selected one acarya and later it proved a failure. The result is now everyone is claiming to be acarya even though they may

be kanistha adhikari with no ability to preach. In some of the camps the acarya is being changed three times a year. Therefore we may not commit the same mistake in our ISKCON camp. Actually amongst my Godbrothers no one is qualified to become acarya."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 29/4/1974)

* Gaudiya Vaisnava spiritual lineage

Acharya for the golden age

"Hare Krishna will be finished within ten thousand years. [...] People will take advantage of this up to ten thousand years."

(Srila Prabhupada Conversation, May 13th, 1969)

"Rather, this movement, as I have now began with my disciples, European, American boys [...] It will increase. That is also stated, that for ten thousand years Krishna consciousness movement will increase."

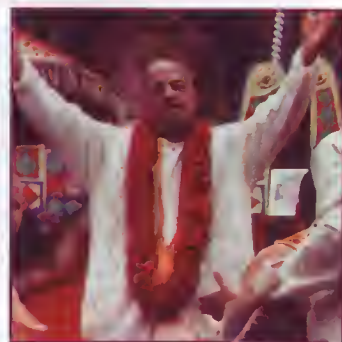
(Srila Prabhupada Conversation, July 22nd, 1973)

"This movement will go for ten thousand years without any impediment [...] Many fallen souls will be delivered back to home, back to Godhead."

(Srila Prabhupada Morning Walk, 5/6/76)

IRM Mission Statement

Since the physical departure of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada from our material vision on November 14th 1977, the International Society For Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), the great movement which he single-handedly founded in 1966, and which is the only hope for humanity, has undergone a massive deterioration in its spiritual purity. This has been due to various deviations from the instructions and standards given by Srila Prabhupada, the chief of which being his displacement as the sole *diksa* Guru for ISKCON. The ISKCON Revival Movement (IRM) seeks to restore ISKCON to its former glory, purity and philosophical chastity through the re-institution of all the instructions and standards that Srila Prabhupada gave, beginning with his role as the sole authority and *diksa* Guru for ISKCON. The IRM's position is set out in *The Final Order* - see back page to order your free copy.



Readers' questions and challenges

"Do you send your BTP to every Hindu/karmi in the world? Only the wicked persons/devotees will read it and listen to you. If you are publishing the truth about ISKCON gurus, then why you are bothered about it? Leave it to Krsna!! He will deal with them. Who are IRM!! God or Krsna Himself!! But don't expand IRM by BTP!!! That is a big, big aparadha!!"

- Nirmala Radhika Dasi, Utrecht, The Netherlands

Editor replies:

There are indeed many "Hindus" and "karmis" who read BTP, including scholars of religion, religious leaders, journalists, anti-cult organisations and, of course, ISKCON devotees. We do not believe they are all "wicked persons".

You admit that we may indeed be publishing the truth about ISKCON gurus, and yet you say we should not be bothered by this truth! Rather, you suggest that we leave the cleansing operation of exposing the truth up to Krishna. However, if you read a book called *Bhagavad-gita As It Is*, you will find that Srila Prabhupada states the opposite:

"According to social conventions, it is said that one can speak the truth only when it is palatable to others. But that is not truthfulness. [...] Although sometimes the truth is unpalatable, one should not refrain from speaking it. Truthfulness demands that the facts be presented as they are for the benefit of others. That is the definition of truth."

(*Bhagavad-gita*, 10:4-5, purport)

And furthermore, the entire *Bhagavad-gita* is about fighting for dharma - truth and righteousness; not sitting idly and "leaving it to Krishna".

Pray tell, how can such dissemination of truth be a "big, big aparadha" (offence)? Unless you are suggesting that truth and dharma itself is the greatest offender...

"Who will choose the disciples to initiate them and how will we know that Srila Prabhupada has accepted the choice because he is not physically present? Is this not an imposition of our choices on to His Divine Grace??"

- Nitaiprana Das, France (translated from French)

Editor replies:

You are correct that we should not impose our choices on to His Divine Grace. However, in July 1977, Srila Prabhupada set up a system whereby the *ritviks* (representatives) he authorised were given full power of attorney to accept disciples for him, as long as these disciples had been recommended by the Temple President, without any consultation with Srila Prabhupada needed:

Prabhupada: "So without waiting for me, wherever you consider it is right... That will depend on discretion."

Tamala Krishna: "On discretion."

Prabhupada: "Yes."

Tamala Krishna: "That's for first and second initiations."

Prabhupada: "Hm."

(Conversation discussing the appointment of *ritviks*, July 7th, 1977)

"[...]After considering the recommendation, these representatives may accept the devotee as an initiated disciple of Srila Prabhupad."

(July 9th, 1977 directive, signed by Srila Prabhupada, setting out the process for initiations for the future of ISKCON)

But in 1978 we *did* impose our choices on to Srila Prabhupada, when these representatives decided that actually they had been appointed as *diksa* gurus, which even they later admitted was false. But still the false system continues.

So we are preaching Srila Prabhupada's message and telling people not to impose their choices onto him, just as you advise.

"One thing I would like to bring up is that a desire to get initiated is a very real one that should be addressed in your magazine. If a devotee wants to get initiation where do they go to receive it? It's something that needs to be dealt with."

- Bhaktiila Dasi, California, USA

Editor replies:

Real initiation means to follow Srila Prabhupada:

"So anyway, from 1922 to 1933 practically I was not initiated, but I got the impression of preaching Caitanya Mahaprabhu's cult. That I was thinking. And that was the initiation by my Guru Maharaja."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, December 10th, 1976)

"Initiation is a formality. If you are serious, that is real initiation [...] My touch is simply a formality. It is your determination, that is initiation."

(Srila Prabhupada Conversation, *Back to Godhead* #49, 'Search for the Divine')

"The chanting of Hare Krsna is our main business, that is real initiation. And as you are all following my instruction, in that matter, the initiator is already there."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, August 19th, 1968)

"Well, initiation or no initiation, first thing is knowledge... knowledge. Initiation is formality. Just like you go to a school for knowledge, and admission is formality. That is not very important thing."

(Srila Prabhupada Interview, October 16th, 1976)

In addition, this "real" initiation is formalised with a ceremony. Once a real ISKCON is revived according to Srila Prabhupada's directions, then these formal ceremonies, along with so many other things currently missing in ISKCON, can be re-introduced. The IRM is working to do this by first exposing those who are masquerading as ISKCON and misleading and cheating all the innocent devotees.

"It is now for the second time that you are mentioning in your magazine that in ISKCON Zurich Siva worship is going on."

1. Whenever there is an appearance day of a previous acarya or great devotee we put in honor of him a picture on the altar.

2. On Maha-Sivaratri we do the same for the greatest of all Vaisnavas (as it is said in the Bhagavatam and as Srila Prabhupada many times confirms it) Sri Siva.

3. Siva is NOT a demigod. He is Sivatattva and beyond demigods.

Before next time committing Vaisnava-Aparadha please use your brain. No offence meant."

- Mandalibhadra Das (head *pujari*) and Mantrarupa Das, ISKCON Zurich

Editor replies:

1) Our point is very simple: Is what you are doing the standard set by Srila Prabhupada? Is the system you are following the system ordered by Srila Prabhupada for all ISKCON temples to follow on Sivaratri? If not, then we are not authorised to do it. We cannot "add or subtract" anything, even if it may seem to be correct.

2) Regarding your emphatic declaration that Lord Siva is NOT a demigod, we prefer to stick with what Srila Prabhupada taught:

"Even the great demigods like Brahma and Siva cannot be compared to the Supreme Lord. In fact, the Lord is worshiped by demigods such as Brahma and Siva."

(*Bhagavad-gita*, 4.12 purport)

"Above the human beings there are demigods. As we human beings are above the lower animals, above us there are demigods, the most important of whom are Lord Brahma and Lord Siva."

(*Teachings of Queen Kunti*, chapter 6)

No offence meant.

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Quotes, Notes and News (QNN)

BTP sets the standard

Again and again we have seen that following the lead *BTP* has taken on issues such as secularisation, Hinduisation, commercialisation, the payment of salaries to devotees, demigod worship etc. occurring in ISKCON, as well as the main issue of needing to accept Srila Prabhupada as the spiritual master, others have followed, including the ISKCON leadership. We have highlighted many examples of this in previous issues, such as the GBC being forced to withdraw Satsvarupa's sex novel (*BTP* 15 and 17), the San Diego temple taking action over demigod worship (*BTP* 20 and 21), an ISKCON leader opposing demigod worship (*BTP* 16-20), ISKCON leaders agreeing with the IRM on the guru issue (*BTP* Special issue 2) etc. Another example is ISKCON setting up secular schools where the government syllabus is taught. In *BTP* 15, over one-and-a-half years ago, we ran an article in which we stated that -

"ISKCON is currently involved in operating a number of schools which are not standard gurukulas (Hare Krishna schools), but are ordinary schools teaching the state sanctioned curriculum so that the students can get recognised examination qualifications (with some "Krishna consciousness" thrown in)".

- and we then documented Srila Prabhupada's opposition to the same. One prominent government school which ISKCON supports as a "faith partner" is the Krishna Avanti school:

"The School is working in affiliation with ISKCON (the International Society for Krishna Consciousness) as the official faith advisor [...] The school will deliver the national curriculum."

(Krishna Avanti Primary School website)

* government syllabus

Now ISKCON GBC voted-in guru **His Holiness Bhakti Vikasa Swami** has agreed with *BTP* that ISKCON should not support such government schools, even claiming that teaching the government syllabus will only produce demons!

"For the glory of Srila Prabhupada we have to make [...] real gurukulas (schools). Gurukula doesn't mean that you bring some children, you teach them the government syllabus and in between you teach them one or two Bhagavad-gita slokas. That's not Prabhupada's vision of gurukula. Government syllabus means rakshasa (demoniac) syllabus, how to become a good rakshas (demon)."

(HH Bhakti Vikasa Swami, Lecture, Tirupati, January 5th, 2008)

BTP is thus setting the standard in how not to deviate from Srila Prabhupada's teachings, which everyone else, including even those in the ISKCON leadership, are following.

An error in every sentence

The defeat of "tyranny in the realm of thought" continues with the following exposés:

1) HH Kadamba Kanana Swami: Kadamba Kanana Swami responds to the growth of the IRM in the Czech Republic via a lecture he gave in Prague. Yet, as we detail, in virtually every sentence he speaks he makes an error. This demonstrates that he obviously cannot be a self-realised spiritual master! Please visit: www.iskconirm.com/docs/webpages/kks2.htm

2) ISKCON Germany:

Following not far behind in the "error in every sentence" stakes is an attack on the IRM made by

the secretary of ISKCON Germany concerned by the IRM's growing influence over there. Please visit: www.iskconirm.com/docs/webpages/iskcon_germ.htm

3) Hungarian special:

Rattled by the launch of the IRM in Hungary, His Holiness Sivarama Swami gave a series of podcasts to address the situation. Please visit: www.iskconirm.com/docs/webpages/srs_hung.htm

IRM's "growing presence"

We have just seen how ISKCON's leaders everywhere are being forced to respond to the challenge of the IRM (and making fools of themselves in the process!). Further clear evidence of this comes from the official report of the Brazil GBC meetings. At this meeting it was decided that a special senior group consisting of the country's gurus and GBCs will be responsible for advising a committee set up to handle the country's administrative work. And the very first request for help made by the committee to the senior group?:

"our first request was for a strategy to deal with the growing IRM presence in Brazil."

(Giridhari Das, Vice-President, Brazilian Governing Council of ISKCON, 7/12/2008).

Rock 'n' roll guru?

How can those who are supposed to be self-realised "as good-as-God" gurus, representing Srila Prabhupada and connecting us to Krishna, be any of these things, if they do not even know the most basic rules of behaviour? Below we see GBC voted-in "as-good-as-God" diksa guru, **HH Param Gati Swami**, one of the Brazilian GBC members on the senior advisory group mentioned in the last story, apologising for something that even a new *bhakta* (devotee) joining the temple would know – that a *sannyasi* (renunciant) and guru

should not dance at "rave parties" (discos):

"I would like to say some words on this "rave issue": [...] My intention, when I participated in these programs was to be more close to the devotees, "less distant", specially of the young generation. [...] Therefore I really regret to have done it and, please, tell them that I will stop to participate on this kind of events. [...] I did it in innocent and joking mood just to play a little with the devotees. I'm really sorry."

(HH Param Gati Swami, Text PAMHO:14863002, January 19, 2008)



Saturday Night Fever:
GBC voted-in guru His Holiness Param Gati Swami dancing at rave party

As Lila Madhava Das, the devotee who exposed this affair and took action to force Param Gati Maharaja to stop attending such dance parties correctly said:

"Firstly "a innocent and joking mood just to play a little with the devotees", is not usually a guru behavior. And secondly if he likes to preach to young people, obviously its better to give them some of Srila Prabhupada's books than dancing with them."

Param Gati Swami, who has tried to stop our IRM devotees in France distributing *BTPs* there, would do better to learn the basic rules of how a *sannyasi* should behave rather than trying to prevent us from spreading the truth about Srila Prabhupada.

Does *BTP* vilify *sadhus*?

In a course given at the Mayapur Institute for Higher Education, ISKCON GBC voted-in guru, **His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami**, ("JS") launched a blistering attack on *Back To Prabhupada* (*BTP*) magazine for allegedly offending *sadhus* (all quotes in the tinted panels are taken from a lecture he gave in January 2007):

"WE DON'T DO IT IN PRINT! IT'S THE LAST THING YOU DO! TO PUBLISH VILIFICATION OF A SADHU? ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? YOU DON'T DO THAT. EVER. And the Internet is worse. To publish it on the Internet for the whole world? *Sadhu-ninda*? And I don't care who does it. Those *Back To Prabhupada* guys. Where're they going back to? Prabhupada would be so happy that instead of publishing *Back To Godhead* we publish *sadhu-ninda*!"

This continues the usual tactic of attacking us for supposedly making "offences" because what we actually say cannot be refuted. Always note that no one is claiming that what we state is not truthful. Rather, we are criticised for the fact that such truths should not be spoken since they will offend our great *sadhus*. One wonders what would be the case if we actually wrote lies!

What is *sadhu-ninda*?

Srila Prabhupada explains the term *sadhu-ninda* as follows:

"A Vaisnava accepts anything favorable for executing his mission. But foolish persons, not knowing the purpose of such exalted Vaisnavas, indulge in criticizing them. That is forbidden. Since no one can understand what a Vaisnava does for the purpose of executing his mission, to criticize such a Vaisnava is the offense called sadhu-ninda."

(*Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta*, *Adi-lila*, 15:22)

Clearly the mission of ISKCON, as given by Srila Prabhupada, is not to remove Srila Prabhupada and usurp his position, claiming that since he is "dead" he can no longer initiate. Such a claim would *actually* be *sadhu-ninda*, and defending Srila Prabhupada against such claims clearly is not. Nor is pointing out that perpetrating a guru hoax in the name of Srila Prabhupada is destroying Srila Prabhupada's mission, not executing it. Thus by the definition of *sadhu-ninda* given above, *BTP* is clearly *not guilty*, since we are not criticising the execution of Srila Prabhupada's mission, but the thwarting of it via the Great Guru Hoax.

Double Standard

If, however, for the sake of argument we accept JS's bogus definition that *sadhu-ninda* is stating the truth about anyone who is engaged in thwarting Srila Prabhupada's mission, especially in print, a prominent candidate immediately comes to mind, who stated the following in print:

"32. By allowing, advocating, taking part in, perpetuating, and defending these and other forms of contamination and decay, the members of the GBC have brought the ultimate managing authority of the entire International Society for Krishna Consciousness to a state of disrepute and pollution."

("32 Grievances against the GBC", Jayadvaita Swami, March Sth, 1987)

[Note the above is just a sample - there are 31 other attacks against the members of the GBC!]

"FACT: ISKCON gurus have had illicit sexual intercourse with both women and men, and possibly children as well."

(Where the *Ritvik* People are Right, Jayadvaita Swami, January 1996)

"Remember the days of the '11 pure devotees'? And the pure devotees who came next?

Remember the Rolexes and the silver plated and the swanky cars and the knock-'em-dead lunches and the closets full of kashmir sweaters? Remember how our authorized pure devotees derailed Srila Prabhupada's society, luxuriated in its resources, lorded it over their godbrothers and godsisters, and drove so many sincere people out? Some of these pure devotees are still with us, right on the GBC. [...] Some of our North American GBC leaders now putting on the pressure for tests and investigations and justice are the same men who not long ago were playing "Krsna and the gopis" with their female disciples."

(Letter to Prithu Das, Summer 1997, Jayadvaita Swami)

As we can see JS is more than happy to criticise ISKCON gurus and GBC members in print with no less vigour than *BTP*!

GBC also guilty

JS's hypocritical self-righteousness knows no bounds, for he states that even the GBC funded website, *dandavats.com*, should not be read:

"I'm not going to say anything about *dandavats.com* except that I don't go there and I forbid my disciples to go there."

Presumably it is because much of the information which we simply repeat in *BTP* is taken from official GBC sources published in places such as the above website. The falldowns of Satsvarupa and Balabhadra Das (Bhakti Ballabh Puri Goswami) are just two recent examples. As JS says, stuff published on the internet is much worse:

"And the Internet is worse. To publish it on the Internet for the whole world? *Sadhu-ninda*?"



HH Jayadvaita Swami: Attacks GBC like *BTP*

Therefore, if we are filling our magazine with information about how ISKCON's "*sadhus*" have thwarted Srila Prabhupada's mission, which is repeated verbatim from the GBC, then according to JS the destination of the GBC and the IRM is the same, for as he says:

"And I don't care who does it. Those *Back To Prabhupada* guys. Where're they going back to?"

Yet JS is more than happy to accept the perks of following such persons who, according to him, must also be committing *sadhu-ninda*, because he was only able to become an ISKCON guru by lining up to get voted in by the same GBC he strongly criticizes, and he participates fully in ISKCON today under the same GBC's authority.

Conclusion

a) According to the actual definition of *sadhu-ninda*, *BTP* is not guilty of committing this, but the guru hoax program is.

b) According to JS's bogus definition of *sadhu-ninda*, he himself is a prime culprit.

c) According to JS, the GBC are also prime culprits in committing *sadhu-ninda*, but hypocritically he is still happy to loyally follow them.

So again we see the usual display of mass hypocrisy from the guru hoaxers, which is only to be expected since this is *Kali-yuga*, the age of hypocrisy:

"This is the age, Kali. It is called Kali. Hypocrisy, simply hypocrisy. Kali means full of hypocrisy."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, November 26th, 1966)

Hridayananda Das Goswami attacks Srila Prabhupada's position as *Acharya* of ISKCON

In an unprecedented attack on Srila Prabhupada's position as ISKCON's *Acharya*, his disciple and leading ISKCON guru and GBC, His Holiness Hridayananda Das Goswami ("HD"), has put forward the theory that Srila Prabhupada is only speaking the absolute truth some of the time, whilst on other occasions we now need HD's learned insight to make the necessary "adjustments" by presenting these "lapses" in his own language! We document these astonishing claims here, with all the statements in the panelled boxes taken from a lecture that HD gave, which can be found on the following video:

www.ustream.tv/recorded/622063

Not full-time guru

Question: "You said when we are young we should follow the teacher at the elementary school, but when you get older you think for yourself. So is it similar in ISKCON?"

HD: "Uh, in certain things. [...] So on important spiritual matters, Prabhupada is my eternal spiritual master."

HD claims that only in "important spiritual matters" does he consider Srila Prabhupada his "eternal spiritual master", whereas on "certain things" he instead 'thinks for himself'. Every morning, every devotee in ISKCON is supposed to worship Srila Prabhupada in the *Guru-puja* ceremony with the following words:

"My only wish is to have my consciousness purified by the words emanating from his lotus mouth."

HD has instead invented a new system. He wishes to only accept words coming from the lotus mouth of Srila Prabhupada if they refer to what he considers "important spiritual matters". And

who will decide which words constitute "important spiritual matters"? Well, HD himself of course! Which means HD is basically deciding when Srila Prabhupada is speaking the truth and when he is not. Which means that HD has declared he is the *Acharya*, not Srila Prabhupada, since he will adjudicate on which of Srila Prabhupada's statements he needs to accept.

Only correct some of the time

"So when there are statements which a) are about the material world, not spiritual things, and b) are not from scripture, are those statements infallible and absolute? Personally, I don't think they are."

HD has declared that only statements which he decides are "spiritual" are to be considered infallible. Up until now the false successor guru hoaxes in ISKCON had satisfied themselves only with usurping Srila Prabhupada's position in ISKCON, but they had at least accepted that Srila Prabhupada was ISKCON's supreme authority in all matters, and his words were absolute. Now HD has gone a step further, and decided to replace Srila Prabhupada with himself as ISKCON's new supreme authority, who will decide which statements of Srila Prabhupada we should accept as true, and which ones we should reject as false or "fallible".

Only "quoting scripture" ok

"And I believe Prabhupada is speaking absolutely and infallibly when, in fact, he is quoting scriptures."

Above HD gives the standard by which he will decide if Srila Prabhupada is to be believed or not. Every statement

from Srila Prabhupada would have to be a quote from scripture. Presumably, this would require that at the very least, one first becomes an expert in Sanskrit, so one is acquainted with the content of all the scriptures. This tendency to try and become superior to Srila Prabhupada by desiring to become expert in Sanskrit is, as it turns out, nothing new. Even whilst Srila Prabhupada was still physically present this very issue came up:

"I am also practically finding that if any of our students artificially try to become scholars by associating with unwanted persons they become victimized, for a little learning is dangerous, especially for the Westerners. I am practically seeing that as soon as they begin to learn a little Sanskrit immediately they feel that they have become more than their guru and then the policy is kill guru and be killed himself." (Srila Prabhupada Letter, September 18th, 1976)

There was one particular western disciple of Srila Prabhupada who had also wanted to become an expert in Sanskrit, and who received the following stern warning:

"You have studied the Sanskrit language for some years, that is sufficient of study, there is no more need. Now you read our books, not that life-long you have to study Sanskrit. Simply read our Sanskrit wherever it appears in our books and teach these slokas to the devotees, do not waste time by studying Sanskrit independently of our books."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, August 6th, 1972)

Many years later, after Srila Prabhupada had departed, this same disciple defied the above warning he had been given, went

back to college, and "wasted his time" by "studying Sanskrit independently of Srila Prabhupada's books." This person was none other than our newly self-declared *Acharya*, Hridayananda Das Goswami! Presumably he now feels he has acquired sufficient mastery of Sanskrit to enable him, where necessary, to compare Srila Prabhupada's words with scripture, and thus decide if these words should be considered truthful or not.

Do your thing

"Prabhupada wrote me a letter and said, 'Read my books and present it in your own language.' And language means culture. Language means culture. Also, Prabhupada told me to do that [...] He said, 'Yeah, I'm presenting Krsna consciousness this way and you read my books and go out and do your thing.'"

HD reveals his *Acharya* tendency further by claiming he can re-present Srila Prabhupada's teachings according to his own culture, since language is culture, which would mean he can adjust Srila Prabhupada's teachings to make them culturally appropriate. HD claims Srila Prabhupada told him to do this, but this is what Srila Prabhupada *actually* told him to do:

"And you must all study very scrutinizingly all of the books so that when the need arises you can repeat in your own words their purport."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter to Hridayananda, January 6th, 1972)

Note the word "repeat". You can only "repeat" something if the meaning and message is completely unaltered. Presenting exactly the same thing in one's own

words is clearly, therefore, not the same as being authorised to "do your thing". This is further confirmed by the following letter regarding academic preaching, the very field for which HD claims he needs to be able to present the teachings in his own culture (language) and do his "thing":

"I am very pleased to learn that both you and your wife have been lecturing on Krishna Consciousness at the George Washington University and there was good response to your program. You simply read our books and if you simply reproduce the purport of Srimad-Bhagavatam or Bhagavad-gita, people will take it very seriously. So, of course, you must understand the purport and reproduce it in your own language."

(Srla Prabhupada Letter, January 22nd, 1970)

Again please note, presenting something in one's own language means to "simply reproduce". So it could not be clearer. Presenting in one's own language means to "repeat" and "simply reproduce", not to go out and "do your thing." Only a successor *Acharya* has the right to make such adjustments. Disciples must simply repeat and reproduce.

Contradicts GBC

In addition, HD's idea that only some of Srla Prabhupada's statements can always be considered bona fide, based on whether it is a direct quotation from scripture, is rejected by his supposed authority, the GBC. They have given a blanket endorsement of everything Srla Prabhupada taught, not discriminating between when he is, and is not, "quoting scripture"; and further, consider his teachings to have actually been presented appropriately for the modern age, rather than requiring adjustment in any way due to the "language/culture" of the modern age:

"a. Srla Prabhupada is the foundational siksa guru for all

ISKCON devotees because he has realized and presented the teachings of the previous acaryas of the Brahma Madhva Gaudiya sampradaya appropriately for the modern age.

b. Srla Prabhupada's instructions are the essential teachings for every ISKCON devotee."

(GBC Resolutions, 1994, 'Founder-Acarya' statement)

Not even a standard Acharya

"Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu says there are certain illusory stories in the scripture and there are Vaisnava commentaries that say, for example, Rahu swallowing the sun and the moon, and there's Acharyas that say, "That didn't really happen. That's just a story."

Having already told us that we can only be sure Srla Prabhupada is speaking correctly when he directly quotes scripture, HD states that *Acharyas* actually tell us when these scriptures themselves may be in error.

1) So Srla Prabhupada can only definitely be right when he quotes scriptures.

2) *Acharyas* tell us when the scriptures may not be correct.

3) And HD sits above it all, telling us who and what is right and wrong.

So rather than Srla Prabhupada being an *Acharya* through whom we understand the scriptures, which is the function an *Acharya* normally performs, according to HD Srla Prabhupada's statements must actually be understood by checking scripture (presumably by a Sanskrit expert like HD who specifically went to college to become such, in direct defiance of Srla Prabhupada's orders).

Know more than Prabhupada

"Because if it turns out that it is not the case that Prabhupada is infallible when he is not quoting scripture,



Hridayananda Das Goswami:

His website is called

"Acharyadeva".

Srla Prabhupada defines the term as follows:

"The Acharyadeva [...] is the Jagatguru or the Guru of all of us. [...] That is, the Acharya has been identified with Godhead Himself."

(Srla Prabhupada Lecture, 1936)

then Prabhupada is wrong. [...] And of course I, I think that *um*, obviously you can get yourself in a lot of trouble. You can very easily ruin your spiritual life by thinking you know more than Prabhupada."

Ironically, after having effectively claimed he knows more than Srla Prabhupada, he concludes that such an attitude can lead one to ruin one's spiritual life!

Conclusion

HD then reveals his devastating agenda:

"People want to know what's scientific. Frankly, I want to know what's scientific. [...] Prabhupada says generally it's the woman's fault if there's divorce, I really would want to know what social science says about that. [...] My motive is [...] to present Krsna consciousness to educated people. [...] And I feel I have to be able to present Krsna consciousness in a reasonable way to other people."

We have continuously documented how the original deviation of removing Srla Prabhupada as the Guru of his own society has led to further mass deviations via



Srla Prabhupada:
The real *Acharyadeva*

the introduction of secularisation, commercialisation, Hinduisation, demigod worship, the payment of salaries etc. Thus, the proof that this guru hoax was indeed a huge offence against Srla Prabhupada is seen by the fact that it has opened the floodgates to ever more deviations from Srla Prabhupada's teachings. Now we are at the final frontier – having already usurped Srla Prabhupada's position as Guru and then deviated wholesale from his teachings, now Srla Prabhupada's authority itself is being challenged openly and directly: *"He is not always right, and I am needed to 'do my own thing' to correct him"*.

Above, HD gives the reason for why he has taken this stance – to supposedly satisfy those who are "educated", to make the teachings appear "reasonable", and to be in accordance with the whims of ever changing "science" where necessary. If HD and all those who agree with him do not have faith in everything Srla Prabhupada taught, and feel unable to defend his words, they and his mute guru hoaxter and GBC pals who are supporting HD via their silence, are welcome to leave ISKCON. The IRM is more than capable of defending Srla Prabhupada's teachings, and we have been singularly doing this all along against all manner of deviations and distortions perpetrated in his name.

Great Guru Hoax, Part 3 confusion spreads

A devotee:

- Sends out a letter regarding the very special appearance day of "our Spiritual Master His Divine Grace A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada";
- Subsequently urges other devotees to write *Vyasa-Puja* offerings to Srila Prabhupada as a way to "serve our eternal spiritual master";
- And states that a program celebrating Srila Prabhupada's appearance will be an opportunity to "take advantage of his association". *

If you thought this was a disciple of Srila Prabhupada communicating with other Srila Prabhupada disciples, you would be sorely mistaken. Rather, this is a letter from the chairman of ISKCON's youth group, the Pandava Sena, to other youth members. These are the same members who are also steered away from accepting Srila Prabhupada as their eternal spiritual master, to instead take initiation from ISKCON's physically present "living gurus" as their eternal spiritual masters. Such as, for example, **HH Jayapataka Swami** ("JPS"), who one must accept at initiation as being one's guru eternally. The following is taken from the official initiation oath form for those who wish to take initiation from JPS:

"1. I HEREBY SOLEMNLY MAKE THE FOLLOWING VOWS:

I accept Srila Jayapataka Swami to be my initiating (*diksa*) and instructing (*siksa*) spiritual master (Guru) forever, even life after life."
 ("Initiation Acceptance Oath", HH Jayapataka Swami)

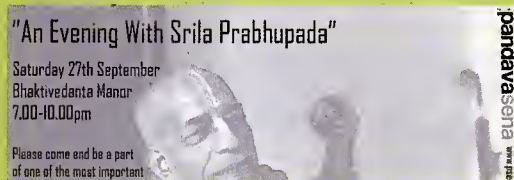
Yet due to a combination of the IRM's preaching and the deliberate confusion caused by ISKCON's Great Guru Hoax, Part 3 ("GGH3") program (wherein ISKCON leaders claim they are acting just like *ritviks* [officiating priests] but still take the benefits of being *diksa* gurus [initiating spiritual masters] – see *BTP* Special issue 2 for full details), Srila Prabhupada has also now become everyone's eternal spiritual master, whom one can associate with and must write *Vyasa-Puja* offerings to. Such confusion is exemplified by ISKCON GBC voted-in guru **HH Sivarama Swami** ("SRS") who stated in his *Vyasa-Puja* offering to Srila Prabhupada earlier this year:

"How did Srila Prabhupada's followers - especially the many who never met and will never get to meet him physically - come to know Srila Prabhupada? [...] In other words, complete knowledge of you is revealed to those devotees who worship you with exclusive devotion and uncompromised loyalty. [...] Everything devotees need to know about you, Srila Prabhupada, will be revealed to them through undeviating service to you."

(*Vyasa-Puja* offering 2008, HH Sivarama Swami)

Having clearly stated that **complete** knowledge of Srila Prabhupada is revealed to anyone today who worships him with **exclusive** devotion and **uncompromised** loyalty; SRS ensures this can never happen by engaging the same ISKCON Pandava Sena youth group members who wish to accept Srila Prabhupada as their "eternal spiritual master", in offering *Vyasa-Puja* homages to himself as their "Guru Maharaja" (as evidenced by his "*Vyasa-Puja*" book), thus ensuring their devotion and loyalty to Srila Prabhupada is automatically divided and compromised! Hopefully it will only be one more step before devotees will understand that acceptance of Srila Prabhupada as their "eternal spiritual master" does not require the intermediary of other "eternal spiritual masters", and the IRM's mission will have succeeded.

* Communications issued by ISKCON Pandava Sena Chairman, dated 9/9/08 and 15/9/08.



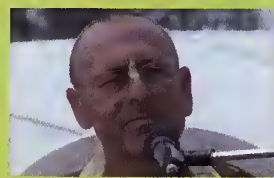
ISKCON Pandava Sena's youth group:

Promoting Srila Prabhupada as "our eternal spiritual master"



HH Jayapataka Swami:

Promoting himself as spiritual master "forever", "life after life"



HH Sivarama Swami:

Promoting both himself and Srila Prabhupada as spiritual master

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